

REMARKS

By this Amendment the specification has been amended to improve its presentation and claims 1-5 have been replaced by new claim 6 which alternatively defines the invention. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Killion '263 in view of Killion '749.

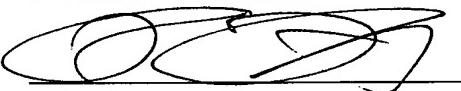
This rejection cannot be applied to new claim 6. Killion '263 discloses a microphone assembly in a hearing aid, the assembly including a sound-conducting tube 21. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion of a top shell part which includes a sound opening and a snout part to which a sound canal of a microphone is connected. And nothing in Killion '749 would suggest such a structure. The inventive structure enables easy assembly of the hearing aid. See the specification at page 3, line 27 to page 4, line 2.

A withdrawal of the prior art rejection and allowance of claim 6 is requested.

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